

Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

September 2013

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FITZGERALD PARK LUSIS MEMORIAL TOT LOT DEDICATION

Grand Ledge Police Chief Martin Underhill, County Commissioner Terrance Augustine, and Park Commission Chairman Dr. Robert McConnell attended the toddler playground dedication ceremony, in memory of Ariana Mae Lusia, at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge on August 13th. Kelly and Kris Lusia donated the playground in memory of their infant daughter, who passed away of Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) in 2010.

The 3rd Annual Run and Play for Ariana Mae SUDC fund raiser featured an "Under the Sea" theme this year and was held Saturday, August 17th at the Park.

Pictured from left to right: Parks Director John Greenslit and the Lusia family – mother Kelly, infant son Harper, father Kris, big brother Jonas and Ariana Mae in the photo frame.

The Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce presents FREE Movie Night Sept. 6

NEWS & NOTES

Jennifer Linn-Hartley, Editor of the monthly "Grand Ledge Life Magazine" has agreed to work with Grand Ledge Building Healthy Communities (GLBHC) to help promote healthier lifestyle choices for individuals of all ages in our community. We are looking for individuals who have made behavioral changes which lead to better health. Perhaps it is changing eating habits, becoming more physically active, or stopped using tobacco; what motivated you to change etc. Jennifer is willing to meet (set-up interviews) with individuals interested in sharing their personal stories - their journey to health. She is willing to do phone interviews, and would also accept written submitted stories. If you are interested in sharing your story; inspiring others to make lifestyle change(s) contact Jennifer at Jennifer.Hartley@hibu.com. Please feel free to share this email with others in our Grand Ledge community.

*GLBHC is a community driven coalition of over 20 dedicated members from the local community, business owners, schools, human service agencies, and local government. The coalition is working together to help create a healthier, more active Grand Ledge Community. Working together to help make the Grand Ledge Community a healthier, more active place to live!

Coordinators:

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Carol Twiss (catwiss67@comcast.net)

Jill Sambaer, Health Educator, Barry-Eaton District Health Department (jsambaer@bedhd.org)



Place Bridge Street Plaza Admission Free
 Time 9 pm Date Fri. Sept. 6

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Congratulations to Terrance Augustine – Grand Ledge Farmers Market www.glfarm.org

East Lansing, Grand Ledge, Delhi Twp. Get \$60,000 in State Grants for Farmer Markets

Written by Barb Modrack 8/18 lansingstatejournal.com

Three area communities are among 10 statewide approved for state grants to improve their farmers markets. East Lansing was awarded \$35,000 for a covered plaza for the market and other events; Grand Ledge will receive \$15,000 for a multi-use building along the river and Delhi Township was awarded \$10,000 to create a community kitchen intended to expand the market into a year-round event and to provide space for community events such as wine tastings. The Grand Ledge project could also be used as an ice rink and space for community events. The awards were announced by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation after Michigan Strategic Fund approval of \$200,000 in grants for 10 farmers markets around the state. "Farmers markets improve our downtowns and bring vitality and a sense of place to our communities," said MEDC President and CEO Michael A. Finney. "These grants will support local markets, strengthen communities and create jobs in our state." In addition to the local markets awards were granted to Gladstone, Marquette, Boyne City, Port Sanilac, Gaylord, Chelsea and Canton Township. The winning projects will provide \$269,450 in matching funds. Locally, East Lansing is to match with \$35,000; Grand Ledge will contribute \$25,000 and Delhi will contribute \$10,140.78. Announced in June, the Farmers Market Grant Program provides one-time grants between \$10,000 and \$50,000 to existing farmers markets that have been in operation for at least four years in Michigan. Projects for consideration included unique and innovative design elements, amenities for patrons and vendors, multi-use spaces, multi-modal transportation, marketing and signage. Projects that make markets more accessible to residents were also given preference. A total of 24 applications requesting \$677,904 were submitted to the 2013 Farmers Market Grant Program. Representatives from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Michigan Farmers Market Association participated on the scoring team. "Michigan's community farmers markets have helped re-energize the enthusiasm for connecting with our agricultural roots. As a matter of fact, Michigan ranks fourth in the nation for the number of farmers markets," said Jamie Clover Adams, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Our farmers markets are a great place to sample the diversity of our agriculture and get a taste of Pure Michigan." A second round of food entrepreneurship grants, this one aimed at the food truck industry in Michigan, will be announced within the next two to three weeks. Pure Michigan is a brand on the rise, representing business, talent and tourism initiatives across Michigan. These efforts are driven by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which serves as the state's marketing arm and lead agency for business growth, jobs and opportunity with a focus on helping grow Michigan's economy.

THE FRIENDS OF EATON COUNTY PARKS

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Dinner Cruise

Sunday, September 22, 2013

6:00 p.m.

(Boarding begins at 5:30 p.m.)



Come out and enjoy a wonderful evening of live music and great food on the Grand River while helping support Eaton County Parks. Our fun filled evening menu includes BBQ ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, steamed vegetables, corn-on-the-cob, bread, dessert and drinks.

For Tickets:

Call (517) 627-7330, ext. 27

Or E-Mail: friends.ecparks@gmail.com

\$40 Per Person or

\$100 Lincoln Brick Club Membership (see reverse)



The two-hour cruise and dinner costs \$40 per person, or you can sponsor a table of eight for \$320. Lincoln Brick 100 Club members, for a \$100 tax deductible donation, receive the following benefits:

- one dinner cruise ticket
- a 2014 Annual Pass to Eaton County Parks
- a subscription to the Eaton County Parks newsletter.

Lincoln Brick 100 Club members may purchase an additional dinner cruise ticket for \$20.



Boarding for the cruise begins at 5:30 p.m. at Grand River Park, 3205 Lansing Road, in Lansing with departure at 6:00 p.m. For further information or to reserve dinner tickets, please call (517) 627-7351, ext. 27. OR E-mail: friends.ecparks@gmail.com.



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State Senator Rick Jones and Parks Director John Greenslit cross the bridge during the 2012 Labor Day Bridge Walk.

3rd Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk FREE, fun, family walk from Oak Park, across the downtown Grand River bridge, back to Fitzgerald Park along the River Trail or Jefferson St. Free shuttle buses from Fitzgerald Park to Oak Park. Participants should park at Fitzgerald. The route is fully accessible. State Rep Theresa Abed-Grand Marshall. Certificates signed by Gov. Rick Snyder for each walker. For more information call ECP: 517-627-7351.

Friends of Eaton County Parks Grant Award

The Friends of Eaton County Parks was presented a \$5,000 grant from the Tri-County Regional Planning project to involve Eaton County residents in updating the Five-Year Recreation Plan. The grant is administered by the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council and authorized Eaton County to proceed in the project to renew the Plan that was initiated in 2009. The Friends organization, a

501.c.3 non-profit organization, is the primary recipient. The grant will bring various underrepresented and underserved citizens into the development of the extended Parks Plan. The Friends have been asked to include students, veterans and senior citizens in the process. It is anticipated that public meetings, surveys and preferential discussions will be part of the planning process.

Fox Park Observatory - Summer Viewing

Eaton County Parks invites everyone to join us this summer at the Fox Park Observatory for public viewing nights on the following Saturdays - September 7, 14, and 21, 8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. Local area astronomers will be on hand to answer questions about the night sky. Public viewing nights are suitable for people of all ages. Program fee is \$2 per person or \$5 per family, payable on site. Public viewing nights will not be held on nights with more than 30% cloud cover. Call the Observatory at 645-6666 during public viewing hours to check sky conditions. The Observatory, located at 3979 E. Gresham Hwy., Pottersville, MI 48876, is an open air observatory so please dress appropriately for the weather, bring mosquito protection, and wear sensible footwear for the 200 yard walk to the observatory. Call 627-7351 or visit our website at www.eatoncountyparks.org

Fall classes at Ledge Craft Lane 121 S. Bridge St. Grand Ledge Starting in September

Adult classes in oils, acrylics and watercolor contact Kim Conklin (517) 712-5076 or Carol Emerson (517) 627-8243 or Kerri Goodman (517) 647-7170.

Adult oil pastel classes please contact Paula Sage at (517) 243-0324.

Adult watercolor classes contact Arlene Bragg (517) 627-3795.

Techniques/Tips classes contact Dar Matthews (517) 505-0131

Children's drawing and painting classes Starting in October

Tuesday's 4:30-5:30pm
and Saturday's 10-11am
taught by Arlene Bragg (517) 627-3795.

Samples of the art instructors work can be viewed in the classroom at Ledge Craft Lane. For further information contact Ledge Craft Lane at (517)627-9843 or (517)896-4613.

The Grand Ledge Opera House presents
Celebrate Harmony
CAPITOL CITY
Chordsmen
Sunday, September 15, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.00 presale and \$12.00 at the door and are available at the Grand Ledge Opera House, 121 S. Bridge Street, MacDowell's Floral & Fireplace, and True Value Hardware. For more information call 517-627-1443 or 517-627-5170. Friends of the Opera House Donor.

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

September 2013

- Sept 6 **Movie in the Park "Finding Nemo"**
FREE Family Movie Night 9pm
- Sept. 5-15 **"Zombies from the Beyond"**
Ledges Playhouse Theater 896-4613
- Sept. 12 **Chamber Golf Outing**
Centennial Acres
- Sept. 15 **"Celebrate Harmony"**
Capital City Chordsmen - GLOH 3pm
- Sept. 22 **Grand Adventure Race - JC Park 9am**



Paddle, Bike, Run!

The Grand Adventure Race is a modified triathlon for both experienced triathletes and novices. With the option for individual participation or two-to-three person relay teams, this triathlon can be as fast or friendly as you make it!

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For more information on registration, sponsorship, and volunteer opportunities, visit www.grandadventurerace.com

Sept. continued

- Sept. 22 **"Cruise for our Parks"**
Dinner Cruise 6pm
Friends of Eaton County Parks
- Sept. 24 **"Good Afternoon Grand Ledge"**
Free Presentation on Health
- Sept. 26 **Opera House 20th Anniversary**
Dinner & Fundraiser aboard the Michigan Princess Riverboat



October, 2013

- Oct. 6 **"Fall Home Tour"**
Charlotte 1-4pm
- Oct. 11-13 **Color Cruise and Island Festival**
10am-5pm at Island Park

